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SUBJ: ATHENS COURT OF APPEALS STUDYING HIGH TREASON SUIT

INITIATED VS. PAPADOPOULOS AND OTHER JUNTA LEADERS

REF A. ATHENS 7127

B. ATHENS 7634

1. ON OCTOBER 24, FULL EIGHTY MEMBER PLENUM OF ATHENS COURT OF APPEALS, WITH SUPREME COURT JUSTICE PRESIDING, MET TO HEAR RECOMMENDATION OF COURT OF APPEALS PROSECUTOR RELEVANT TO SUIT INITIATED AGAINST FORMER PRESIDENT PAPADOPOULOS(AND FOURTEEN JUNTA ASSOCIATES) BY ATHENS LAWYER LYKOUREZOS (REFTELS). COURT ALSO CONSIDERED COMPANION SUIT BY ATHENS UNION OF DEMOCRATIC LAWYERS AGAINST FIFTY RANKING JUNTA OFFICIALS. NEWSPAPERS NOTED FACT IT WAS FIRST TIME IN GREEK JUDICIAL HISTORY THAT FULL PLENUM OF ATHENS APPEALS COURT JUSTICES MET TO CONSIDER A CASE. GRAVITY OF CHARGES -- HIGH TREASON--WAS CAUSE FOR THIS EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLY.

2. PROSECUTOR KOUTSAKOS RECOMMENDED TO APPEALS COURT PLENUM THAT PAPADOPOULOS AND JUNTA ASSOCIATES SHOULD IN FACT BE PROSECUTED ON HIGH TREASON CHARGES. AFTER HEARING RECOMMENDATION, COURT DECIDED TO SUSPEND

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DECISION FOR ONE WEEK, UNTIL OCTOBER 31, DURING WHICH

PERIOD THEY ENTRUSTED ONE OF THEIR NUMBER--JUDGE  
LOGOTHETIS--TO PREPARE INDEPENDENT RECOMMENDATION.  
PRESUMABLY, ON OCTOBER 31 COURT WILL ISSUE DECISION  
WHETHER PAPADOPOULOS AND ASSOCIATES WILL BE PROSECUTED.

3. SUITS BY KYKOUREZOS AND ATHENS UNION OF DEMOCRATIC  
LAWYERS ORIGINALLY INITIATED WHILE MARTIAL LAW IN FORCE  
IN GREECE AND ACCORDING FIRST STAGES OF SUITS HEARD  
WITHIN MILITARY JUDICIAL SYSTEM. ITS PRELIMINARY  
INVESTIGATION WAS AT THAT TIME ENTRUSTED TO LT. GEN.  
PLEVAKIS OF SUPREME MILITARY COURT BY ARMED FORCES  
COMMANDER ARBOUZIS., WHEN MARTIAL LAW LIFTED, CASE  
TRANSFERRED FROM MILITARY TRIBUNAL TO JURISDICTION OF  
APPEALS COURT IN ATHENS.  
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